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DPW Keeps Eye On Water Lines



WITH THE FRIGID WEATHER OF LATE, The Department of Public works is keeping a close eye on possible water line bursts throughout the community, says DPW Superintendent John P. Stone. DPW worker Jim Flynn drills into Suffield Street by the Route 57 underpass to get a look at a recent water line problem that cropped up. In background, police officers Alfred Longhi (left) and Richard Curry keep a watch for oncoming traffic. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Officials Say Tax Rate "Won't" Exceed \$25 Per Thousand

Remember that tax revolution when taxpayers stood up and defiantly said "Enough" and voted for Proposition 2 1/2.

While those voters may have been an idealistic bunch that thought they were reducing taxes, in point of fact, Agawam officials are predicting an even greater tax yield from those same voters this year.

No More Than \$25 Per \$1000

However, town officials are anticipating Agawam will tax no more than \$25 per \$1000 of assessed real estate value but due to the recent townwide revaluation of all properties, in many cases that revaluation doubled and in some cases, even quadrupled an individual's assessment.

Due to the guidelines of Proposition 2 1/2, cities and towns in the state are given one year to comply with taxing property owners just 2 1/2 percent of their property's assessed value.

When town officials were asked exactly when Agawam would have to comply, they were not certain.

According to the State Bureau of Property Taxes, the state confirmed that many cities and towns are in the dark about complying with Proposition 2 1/2. An official noted that the Legislature has added an amendment to 2 1/2 that will determine when and how cities and towns must comply.

"We will know in another ten days," the spokesman said.

Whatever the outcome, United Appraisal Co., which executed the property revaluation in Agawam, is giving definitive answers to concerned property owners in Agawam about their valuations.

In the Town Hall annex, United Appraisals is accepting appointments on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from noon to 6:45 pm and Tuesday and Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm to field questions and hold informal hearings on the revaluations.

Next week (January 25-29) UAC will be conducting informal hearings with residential and industrial property owners. The week from February 1 to February 5 they will be hearing cases from owners of unincorporated land and personal property (company inventories, etc.).

Have The Authority To Change

Project Supervisor John Greene of UAC said, "We have the authority to change revaluations and will do so if we find anything wrong is our estimates."

Greene explained that the two legal arguments for an adjustment are 1) If the property has been valued beyond the fair market value; and 2) If comparable property has been assigned a different value. Greene added with the revaluation of thousands of parcels of property here, errors such as misplaced decimal points could exist and would be corrected.

Greene said he finds the townspeople to be "very cooperative" and said fewer than the 10 percent anticipated complaints about the revaluations had yet to surface.

The appraisal company is the current owner of the revaluation records and the sole authority to change any valuation. At the conclusion of the company's hearings, *The Advertiser/News* will print further steps dissatisfied taxpayers make take as these steps become applicable.

Rheault Appoints Budget Comm.

By Stuart Parker

Following the first 1982 Town Council meeting on January 4, Town Council President Donald Rheault said he would reinstate budget subcommittees and at Monday's meeting at the Public Library, Rheault did just that.

Returning to the subcommittee format that was eliminated for the first time a year ago under former Town Manager Richard J. Bowen, Rheault said he and Council Vice-President Dennis Roberts studied the committees "indepth" and their appointments "reflected that."

Rheault said he called each member of the council to receive input and made his decisions accordingly.

Rheault said each of the four budget subcommittees have equal responsibilities in monetary terms, a definite break from past practices. Rheault says the return of the budget subcommittees will bring about fairer expenditures and a thorough budget examination.

The four special budget subcommittees and ten standing council committees are as appointed by Rheault and Roberts are as follows:

Subcommittee One: Chairman - Benjamin Lockhart, Frederick Nardi and Mario DeLucchi. (Includes council, clerk, manager, accountant, treasurer, collector, assessor, building administration, election commission, law department and line items).

Subcommittee Two: Chairman - Daniel Lacienski; Thomas Coppola and Stephen Cincotta. (Includes police, fire, weights & measures, forestry, civil defense and building inspector).

Subcommittee Three: Chairman - Dennis Roberts; Peter Mazza, Alfred Trehey. (Includes park & recreation, school maintenance, youth center, council-on-aging, library, health and capitol budget).

Subcommittee Four: Chairman - Jack Shaughnessy; Walter T. Kerr and Paul Paleologopoulos. (Includes water, sanitation, DPW, (highways, administration and engineering), planning board, dog control, data processing, board of appeals).

Subcommittee Five: Chairman - Richard Theroux; Benjamin Lockhart, Andrew C. Gallano. (This is the SCHOOL BUDGET).

Russo Request For Restaurant Denied By TC

By Stuart Parker

Local developer Thomas Russo Jr. found neighborhood unrest and questioning councilors too much for his zone petition that would have allowed the well-known rubbish removal owner to build a restaurant on Suffield Street.

Councilors voted 11-3-1 at Monday's meeting against Russo's petition to rezone a 16-acre tract off Suffield Street.

Planning Board Recommendation

Despite a Planning Board recommendation to allow the zone change, only Council President Donald Rheault and councilors Frederick Nardi and Jack Shaughnessy voted in favor of Russo's petition.

The three councilors said that the community needs business stimulation and the area of Russo's restaurant, near the busy Walnut Street Extension business area, would help that vicinity's business climate.

When several councilors attempted to table the item due to an alleged lack of detailed information submitted from the Planning Board, Nardi declared,

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Sewerless Home Comm. Submits Report To Members

By Stuart Parker

The Committee of Sewerless Homeowners, whose presence has been felt at all Town Council meetings since the town's initiation of sewer betterment assessments in the Feeding Hills area of Precinct 2, has now published a progress report to its membership.

The betterment assessments may add \$700 or up to a feared \$2,300 assessment to homeowners for the construction of sewers and was the most important campaign issue in last fall's municipal election in the precinct and directly led to the defeat of incumbent William Herd.

Outlines Grievances

The report asks people affected by the betterment fees to volunteer as street captains to help prepare for "one more meeting which we would like every to attend," noted chairman William Daignaut.

In listing grievances against the town, the report outlines the residents' concerns with the explanations given when they asked Town Council transfer funds from the Free Cash account and into the sewer project to ease the burden on sewerless homeowners.

"We were told that the town couldn't touch the money until the budget and revaluation were approved by the state," said Carol Book, a spokesperson for the group. "It took the council about ten minutes to take \$600,000 from the Free Cash fund and put into the development of Bowles Airport and the budget and revaluation still haven't been approved by the state. We were deceived."

Daignaut added, "The betterment assessments are going to affect more and more people as time passes. Then the politicians are going to have to listen."

Chairman of the council's special subcommittee to study the problem, Richard Theroux maintains that the betterment assessments will probably be no more than \$700. Theroux said no firm action by the council can be taken on the fee until the budget and townwide revaluation are approved by the state.

Town Will Do All It Can

Town Manager Edward A. Caba has also said the town will do all it can to ensure the assessments are reduced.

Many councilors are sympathetic to the sewerless homeowners' concern over the \$2,300 assessment figure, as originally proposed by former Town Manager Richard J. Bowen, and have voiced their support for a reduced fee.

Council action on the matter may come in April.

Saracino Committed To Closer Contact

By Joanne Brown

[Editor's Note: This is the second in a three-part series introducing the new School Committee members to the community. Next week, reporter Joanne Brown will conclude the series with an article on Mrs. Bernadette Conte.]

Raymond Saracino, newcomer to the Agawam School Committee who assumed office last week after topping the ballot last November, has already demonstrated his commitment to closing the distance between the community at large and those elected to represent them.

At the first meeting he attended as a board member, Saracino requested an in-depth discussion of citizen speak time policy be slated for the next scheduled session.

"One of the leading areas of discontent within the community that came to light during the campaign was the obvious dislike for the present citizen speak policy," Saracino observed. "I believe that representatives of the people have an obligation to listen to those who put them in office, regardless if they agree with them or not."

He plans to propose specific changes in the present speak-time policy and is seeking a fair appraisal of his suggestions from board colleagues.

"I would like to shorten the period required for advanced request to speak from five days to three and set a deadline of 4 p.m. Thursday prior to the Tuesday meeting," he explained. "I also want to lengthen the time allowed from five to ten minutes and include the opportunity for some give and take between the speaker and board members."

Sets Specific Personal Objectives

Saracino detailed three specific personal objectives he has set for himself during his tenure in office.

"My first objective, of course, is to provide the best education possible for Agawam students, though this may not be easy in light of some of the difficult decisions involving budget cuts that will have to be made," he said, adding that he's not in favor of any cuts, but is realistic enough to accept that some most likely will have to be made.

He would also like to see parents get more involved with their children's education, saying, "If parents have a particular problem involving the school, they should not hesitate to go to the teacher and principal and even to the School Committee, if necessary."



SCHOOL COMMITTEEMAN Ray Saracino.

A priority objective for Saracino this year is to establish a closer relationship among school board members and teachers. He feels that more communication can close the distance between the two groups so they can work together as a team to give Agawam children quality education.

"I think it's important for teachers to know us as people not just as their 'boss,'" he explained. "I definitely will sit in on contract negotiation sessions to hear firsthand what the teachers have to say. I think this is important so that after the contract is signed, we can explain why and how things were done with no room for misinterpretation."

Saracino is "satisfied" with the new administrators promoted in the wave of new appointments made recently and looks forward to working closely with Superintendent of Schools James Bruno Jr. He favors promoting individuals from within the system, declaring that such action motivates those who work in local schools.

He also looks forward to working with fellow board members and newly elected chairman Rosemary Sandlin. "We all may disagree at times, but I think

we'll be able to work together to help the school system make progress," he said.

A most enjoyable part of Saracino's campaigning was a series of coffee hours held at various residents' homes. He hopes to continue these get-togethers occasionally throughout his time in office in order to maintain close contact with parents and concerned citizens.

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Local Woman Wins Food Mart Contest



IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CEREBAL PALSY fund-raising drive, the Agawam Food Mart ran a contest for \$100 in free groceries for a lucky winner which turned out to be Feeding Hills resident Virginia Gruska (center). Store manager James Maloney and employee Connie Foley were awaiting Virginia's arrival at the popular Agawam store. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Russo Zone Change - From Page 4...

"The same thing keeps surfacing over and over again every time a zone change is sought. I support this zone change and let the town agencies deal with these problems. There will always be problems, but I believe the business climate here must be stimulated."

Nine neighbors spoke at the public hearing asking the council to deny the request.

Resident Brian Stillwell, of 195 Suffield Street, cited traffic congestion and the negative impact such a restaurant would have on the neighborhood as major reasons for not allowing the zone change.

Stillwell also pointed out that giving Russo a "Business A" zone would allow the local developer to build "hotels, office buildings and gas stations" despite Russo's contention that a family-style restaurant would be established.

Councilor at-large Dennis Roberts, in dissent, said Russo's request failed to give enough specifics. Roberts also said that Russo was requesting a zone change for the entire acreage and questioned what use the remaining land would be put to.

"I cannot understand why the petitioner needs the entire plot re-zoned. I think a restaurant would only use a few acres and not up to 13," Roberts said.

Precinct Six councilor Paul Paleologopoulos emphasized that, again, the council is put into a position of not being able to control development under the Business A zoning.

"Time and time again we're questioning what will be put in there under this zone change," he said. "There are no special permit zoning in Agawam that gives the council control over what goes into these zoned areas."

According to Russo, an access road from the back of the Walnut Street Extension through Ramah Circle South would be improved to allow customers into his proposed restaurant.

"Such a venture as this would help the merchants on Walnut Street Extension and Ramah Circle," Russo said. "I wish to put a restaurant in there that would be a credit to the area and to the town."

Russo's plan showed an existing barn on the site that would be renovated into an inn-type restaurant. Several councilors after the meeting noted that Russo intended on asking for a transfer of his liquor license from "Pam's Place" on Walnut Street Extension to his new facility on Suffield Street if he received the zone change.

Precinct four councilor Richard Theroux noted that the issue was not Russo's character or ability to place a creditable establishment at the site. Theroux said the residential area was the only buffer zone between the business area of Ramah Circle and Walnut Street Extension.

"The Russo family has done much for the town but I cannot support this. The homes in this area would be disturbed unfavorably."

Shaughnessy & Mazza To Hold Public Hours

While new councilor Jack Shaughnessy (precinct 3) and Peter Mazza (at-large) are asking many questions and offering comments during council meetings, it is their intention to deliver answers to Agawam citizens during regular "office hours" on a regular basis.

Shaughnessy said he will meet with citizens one hour prior to each council meeting in keeping with his election pledge. Shaughnessy will be available at 7 pm at the Public Library. The meeting gets underway at 8:00 pm.

"I realize that some people are not comfortable talking over the phone and they prefer eye to eye contact during discussion. If an Agawam citizen from my precinct or anywhere else in town has a question, I'll be in the library conference room one hour before the council meeting begins."

He added, "I think it's important to be as accessible to the public as possible and if residents do attend a meeting, they can discuss the issues with me before it starts."

Shaughnessy added that residents are welcome to call him at his residence.

Mazza also pledged to establish office hours for the public during the election. He said he expects to have office hours on Saturday, January 30 for two hours at either the Public Library or Town Hall.

Mazza said he will announce next week in the Advertiser/News as to the exact time and place.

"Keeping in touch with the taxpayers is very important," he said. "As an elected official I believe that residents are apt to be more receptive and give us the benefit-of-the-doubt if they get to know their councilors and get honest and truthfulness from them on issues affecting the community."



Legal Memo

By Alan L. Ferrigno, Esq.

Gift-giving Can Cut Estate Taxes

The liberalized rules on gift-giving after 1981 provide new options in reducing your tax bite. Under the new tax law, there is no limit on the amount that can be transferred to a spouse - either by will or during your lifetime - free of gift and estate taxes. In addition, the amount that can be given to others has been increased to \$10,000 (\$20,000 for married couples) per donee each year. This provides the opportunity to get a significant sum of money out of your estate by making gifts to children, grandchildren and other relatives.

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For Senior Citizens...**New Beginnings**

By Rita White

Do you all feel you were suddenly transported to Alaska? This cold weather has really been hard on us all. I hope all of you are being careful and managing to stay healthy. I thought that maybe I should remind you that January is a great month to do some shopping for many super bargains.

Having just been through the holidays, shopping may be the last thing any of you want to think about, but it could mean an easier time for the holidays next year.

January, of course, is well-known for its Christmas mark-downs as well as being "white sale" month. But there is also the beginning of the sales on winter clothing. If you were to begin now and start picking up bargains, then follow that routine all through the year, you could find yourself next Christmas with almost everything done.

During the year when unexpected events come up, you almost always will have something on hand for that last minute gift for your bargain hunting efforts. Each month there are certain items that stores seem to want to clear out of their inventory for various reasons.

Be sure and watch your newspapers for the trends and make good use of these sales. It can mean savings to your pocketbook as well as big savings on your time and health during the holiday rush season.

Don't forget the HYPERTENSION CLINIC on Tuesday, January 26th for those of you with last names beginning in initials P through Z. This is really important to your health and we hope you don't miss it if it is an area your doctor has recommended you watch closely.

Very happy birthdays going out to EVELYN DALEY on January 22 and to PEARL GALETTA on January 23. Many more to come for both of you!

I hope you seniors appreciate the work that goes into preparing those great lunches you get at the Senior Center. A lot of time and effort goes into the planning and preparing. If some of you haven't had the pleasure of eating at the Center, I suggest you call and make your reservation. It's the best deal in town.

Next week's menu looks like this: **Monday**, pepper steak; **Tuesday**, Golumkis; **Wednesday**, Italian sweet sausage; **Thursday**, turkey loaf; and **Friday**, fish with mushroom sauce.

This week I have saved what I think is the "best" for last. There are many issues confronting us day to day that we are interested in. We read the newspaper and magazines and listen to people on TV expound on these issues. But many times there are things that are not clear to us or others that need more information.

To help in this, the Senior Center has a superb experience coming up for all of you. Beginning on January 29th and continuing every Friday for five weeks, there will be a speaker at the Center discussing issues of great importance to you all.

The speaker will give his/her lecture followed by a discussion period to field questions for those in attendance. This lecture series is FREE and has been planned for your benefit. I hope you will be avail yourselves to this project.

All lectures begin at 1:00 pm at the Senior Center and all seniors are invited to attend. The first lecture on January 29th will be given by DR. EHMIN and is entitled VALUES AND TECHNOLOGY.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mon. Jan 25th
Women's Club Meeting
Capt. Leonard House
8 p.m.

Jan. 27th & 28th
Auditions
Suffield Players
"Glass Menagerie"
8:00 P.M.

Tues. Jan. 26th
Historical Association
Capt. Leonard House
7:30 P.M.

Thurs. Feb. 4th
Ag. Congo. Church
5 & 6:15 P.M.
Roast Beef Supper

Wed. & Thurs. Jan. 27 & 28
Stress Management Workshop
Agawam Public Library
7:30 P.M.



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By Rita White

"A Survival Kit For Taxpayers"

As much as we hate to bring up the subject, it is that time of year again. It's the time when we sit down with cancelled checks, old receipts, our W-2 forms and wonder how in the world we can get through it all and still have our shirts left when it's over. Take heart. There is some help.

MacMillan Publishing has a book entitled *"A Survival Kit For Taxpayers,"* or HOW TO DEAL WITH THE IRS. by Robert S. Holzman, Ph.D. Robert Holzman is a professor of accounting at the University of Connecticut and professor emeritus of taxation at New York University. In other words, he knows from whence he speaks.

Tax laws are constantly changing. It is almost impossible for us to keep pace with the changes as they occur. Aside from that there is much about the IRS and the system in general that unless we were experts, it would be impossible to know what's going on without someone explaining it. Here it is. Included in this book are such things as:

How to escape an audit by knowing what makes the IRS computer spit "TILT."
How to pay only proper taxes and not a cent more.
How to foresee tax traps.
What big brother already knows about you.
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We all tremble at the thought of an audit - EVEN when we know we've done nothing wrong. It is an awful feeling. But here is a chance to get ahead of the system. Find out the right way to do it so that the computer will ignore you. Be prepared ahead of time in case you are faced with an audit. There are more than just tax laws involved.

Included are such things as **Equal Access to Justice Act, the Freedom of Information Act, and the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act** which are just a few of the other laws involved that the everyday working person doesn't know.

Since each and every one of us is a taxpayer, it would seem that a good investment to start off 1982 would be this book. It is written in a clear and concise way that we can all understand and it will certainly make April 15th a little easier to deal with.

**Senior Events**

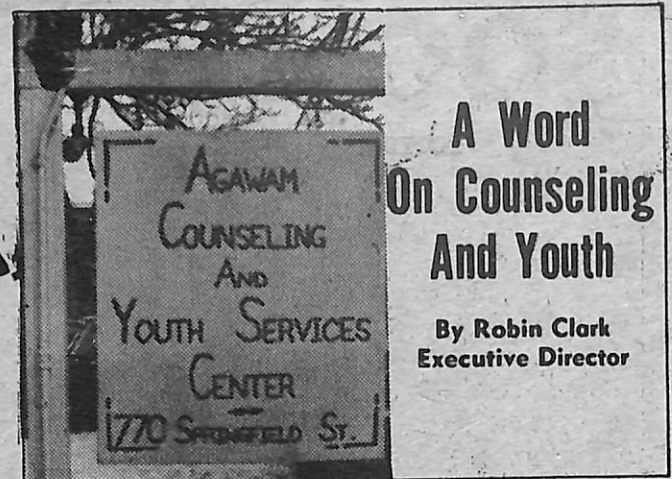
Tuesday, January 26th
Hypertension Clinic
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Friday, January 29th
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A Word On Counseling And YouthBy Robin Clark
Executive Director

Perhaps it is appropriate to spend some time in this first column introducing ourselves. Though our new name is the Agawam Counseling and Youth Services Center, many of you know us by one of our old names: SPAN or the Agawam Youth Center. In July, 1981, these two agencies combined to form A.C.Y.S.C.

Along with our new name, there have been some changes; however, all of the services previously offered by SPAN and the Youth Center are still available. By combining the two programs, we have been able to save some money while actually improving our service.

One important aspect of the "new" center is our attempt to break down the barriers between traditional therapeutic services such as psychotherapy and less traditional services like wilderness training for youth. We offer a continuum of services, which means we now have the flexibility to address individual needs more completely. Services range from preventative programs for youth to support groups to family therapy.

Growing out of a local concern for drug abuse prevention and treatment in the early 70's, the center has maintained very close ties to the community. Over 80% of the people who use our services are residents of Agawam. By volunteering their time and, when necessary, their money, local residents have played the most important part in the survival and growth of the center and its predecessors.

In the coming issues, we will be discussing various functions of the center in greater depth. We will also discuss issues which we feel are of particular to youth and families. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

MUNICIPAL EVENTS

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Thursday, January 21
Planning Board
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7:00 PM

Tuesday, January 26
School Committee Meeting
Junior High School
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Thursday, January 28
Conservation Commission
Town Hall
7:30 PM

Monday, February 1
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MRS. KAREN BELANGER

Karen Field Weds Thomas Belanger

The wedding of Karen Anne Field and Thomas Michael Belanger was an event at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Agawam, on Friday, January 15, 1982.

Charlene Ciak acted as maid of honor and Martin Katowski served as best man.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Field of 176 North Street. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Belanger of 11 Home Street, Springfield.

A graduate of Agawam High School, the bride is employed by Heritage Hall Nursing Home.

The groom is a graduate of Roger L. Putnam Vocational Technical High School and attended Springfield Technical Community College. He is employed at Home-Like Apts., Inc. in West Springfield.

St. David's Sponsors Prayer Service

On Sunday evening, January 24th, St. David's Church in Feeding Hill will host a "Prayer & Praise Service" beginning at 7:00 pm. Singing, prayer ministry, and a bible teaching will be included.

St. David's guest teacher will be speaker and singer Wayne West. A native of Williamston, North Carolina, Wayne has been a missionary in Latin America, has worked extensively with Camps Farthest Out project, and has been featured on many Christian radio and television programs.

People who have heard Wayne appreciate his solid and deeply spiritual message tempered by a sensitive and caring demeanor.

Wayne wife, Ruth, an accomplished organist, will minister with Wayne at both the Sunday service and at a Monday morning gathering for women at 10:00 am on January 25th.

Both meetings will be held at St. David's Church on Springfield Street. The public is cordially invited. The West's appearance is made possible through the Institute for Christian Renewal. A free-will offering will be collected for their travel expenses.



ROBERT HARKINS

Local Man Chosen Food Services Prexy

Robert Harkins, of 41 Cosgrove Avenue, Agawam, director of food services at Riverside Park, is the new president of the International Food Service Executives Association of Western Massachusetts.

Harkins has been in the hospitality industry for over 26 years and has become known for his innovative management style at Riverside Park.

He served last year as the vice president of IFSEA and is also current vice president of the New England Association of Amusement Parks and Beaches.

As president of the IFSEA, Harkins represents the many western Massachusetts restaurants and institutions that wish to promote education and professionalism within the food service industry.

The IFSEA meets monthly and often sponsors seminars which aid the food service executive in promoting professionalism within his establishment and the industry.

Agawam Women's Club Schedule Meeting

The Agawam Women's Club will hold its monthly meeting at the Captain Leonard House on Monday, January 25th, at 8 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Mrs. Nancy Locke, owner and instructor at the Academy of Artistic Performance. Shirley Ross will act as hospitality hostess.

Hi-Lighters Slate Dance

The Agawam Hi-Lighters Square Dance club will hold a dance on Saturday, January 23rd, at Valley Community Church, Feeding Hills, at 8 p.m.

Jerry Benoit will be the caller, and Lyn Beatty will cue the rounds.

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It looks as though some of our newspaper carriers have adopted the motto of the mailcarriers. You know, "neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow...etc." CLAUDINE & AMY TALBOT of 294 Silver Street, Agawam, both have morning paper routes. On waking up to more snow than they could maneuver on bikes, the girls decided to give it a try on horseback. The girls combined paper routes total over 60 papers. So if you happen to see this modern day version of the pony express, be sure and give the girls a wave.

The Pheasant Hill Social Club is planning a nice evening for Friday, January 29th. There will be a Polish supper beginning at 6:00 pm. Residents and guests are invited to attend. The donation is \$4. The chairwomen for the event are JENNIE JUZBA & ROSE MEZZETTI along with ELLEN TISDELL who can be called for more information at 786-3529.

JUDITH FERGUSON of 165 Cooper Street, a graduate of the Class of 1981 from Agawam High School, is currently attending Notre Dame College in Nashua, New Hampshire. Judith is majoring in the para-legal field and has started off by making the Dean's List. Congratulations Judith.

Two seniors at Agawam High School have already made some decisions about their futures after graduation. JOHN C. BONAVIDA, son of PETER BONAVIDA of 132 North Street, and STEVEN J. FAVREAU, son of JANICE FAVREAU of 71 Duclos Drive, have both decided to enter the Air Force. John will be reporting for duty next September and will receive his training in the area of police security.

Steve is scheduled to report around July 28th and will be training in the field of aircraft maintenance. Both of this young men will receive training for which transferrable college credits will be awarded. We wish them both much luck and hope they will enjoy their military experience.

It's always good to hear about our Agawam residents doing well in college. But it becomes extra nice when we hear about a person who is doing exceptionally well. College is difficult enough for the serious student who can devote full time to studying. But, when a person is a wife, mother and works in and for the community, then it becomes a real triumph.

SUCH is the case of DOTTI NELSEN of Provin Mountain Drive, Feeding Hills. Dotty is well-known in the community for her years on the Conservation Commission where she has been the chairman for several years. She and husband ROB have two sons. It takes great desire for a woman to decide to go on to a degree after many years and Dotti obviously had the desire.

Dotty will be graduating from Bay Path Junior College this May. She has majored in para-legal studies and will be graduating Magna Cum Laude, having only missed Summa Cum Laude by .02. Her classes being finished at Bay Path, she has already begun classes at Western New England College where she will be working towards a degree in Government and Economics. Her family is very proud of her and as one of our "Friends and Neighbors" we should also be proud. We offer our congratulations on a job well done and wish her continued luck in her future efforts.

Honors abound in Agawam these days. ANTONETTE (NINA) CONTRINO, daughter of JAY & MARIA CONTRINO of 180 Line Street, Feeding Hills, has given her parents something to share with all their "Friends & Neighbors". Nina is currently attending Bryant College in Rhode Island where she is majoring in business teaching. She is in her last year there and has been on the Dean's List her entire academic career at Bryant.

Nina's latest achievement has been to be elected to the "Who's Who In College" book which covers the entire country and is quite an honor. Great job Nina. Keep up the good work.

DENNIS GAYNOR, son of MARILYN & ROBERT GAYNOR of 51 South Alhambra Circle, said goodbye to all his "Friends & Neighbors" three years ago when he went into the army. He was stationed in Germany and was in the Military Police division. This week he will be leaving Germany having fulfilled his military obligations. His parents are looking forward to his arrival and are pleased that he will be home in time to celebrate his 21st birthday with the family on February 15th. Dennis plans to stay in the area and attend college.

You Are Welcome To Submit Items Of Social Interest By Calling Rita At 786-4970 Or By Leaving A Message For Her At The Newspaper? Office 786-8137.



FOR THE TALBOT SISTERS, CLAUDINE (Left) and AMY (right), delivery of their morning papers has taken them back to the days when bicycles and cars were only something of Henry Ford's imagination. The Talbot sisters, during a recent day off from school, decided that beating the snow was to get on their horses and deliver their morning papers that way. It's rather unconventional but it works! See "Friends & Neighbors". Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Historical Association Slates Monthly Meeting

The Agawam Historical Association will meet on Tuesday, January 26th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Capt. Leonard House, 663 Main Street.

Following a brief business meeting, Martin Kaufman, Ph.D., professor of history at Westfield State College, will address the group on the Age of Heroic Medicine, focusing on American medical care from the colonial period to the late 1800's.

Dr. Kaufman is also the director of the Institute for Massachusetts Studies and is editorial director of the *Historical Journal of Massachusetts*. He is the author of three books on the history of American medicine and public health. He is currently editor-in-chief of the *Dictionary of American Medical Biography*.

Dr. Kaufman is known to be an interesting and dynamic lecturer, and the public is cordially invited to attend this meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Sleigh Rally Scheduled

A sleigh rally is planned for Sunday, January 31, 1982, at Twin Maple Farm, 155 North West Street, Feeding Hills. The event will include a show and judging of best horse and sleigh.

Hot chocolate and a bonfire will be featured and spectators and participants are welcome. A \$1 parking fee will benefit the Twin Maple Farm Riding Club.

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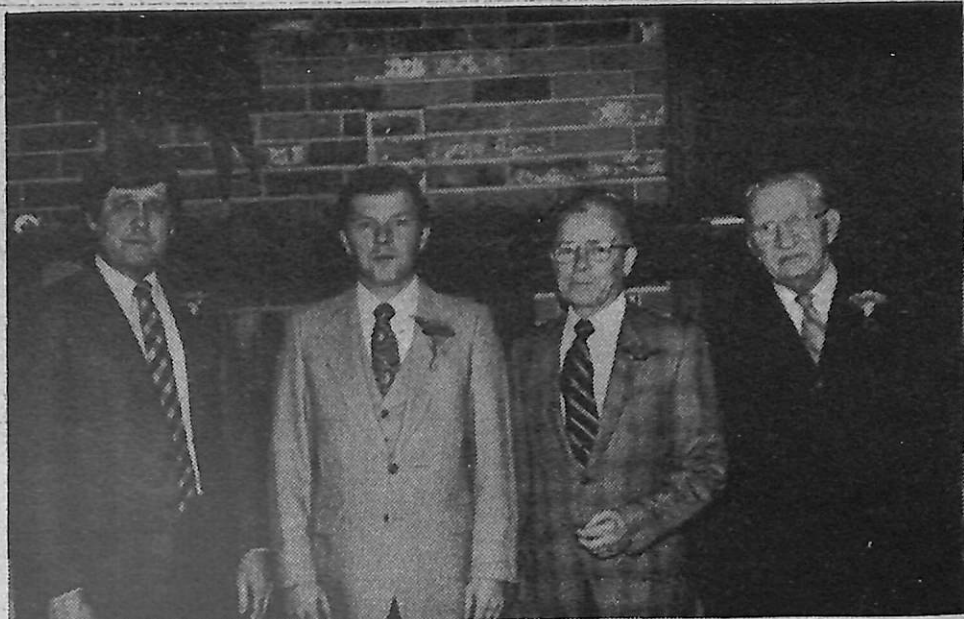
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THE POLISH AMERICAN CLUB IN FEEDING HILLS held their annual installation of officers on Saturday night and placed officially into office were, from left: Ken Kubik, Bob Strader, Bernie Szczygiel (president) and John Liptak. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.



ELECTED OF OFFICES IN THE POLISH CLUB'S WOMEN'S AUXILIARY were, from left: Agnes Lipski, treasurer; Valerie Melloni, vice-president; and Jane Carroll, president. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Polish Club Installs New Officers

The Polish American Club of Agawam began its 26th year with an installation banquet on January 16th at which a new club president and vice president took over and other club officers were honored.

Jospeh Miodonka, master of ceremonies, introduced incoming president Bernard Szczygiel; Robert Strader, vice president; John Liptak, treasurer; Kenneth Kubik, secretary; and Richard Smus, Frank Fila.

Chester Gruska, Paul Osypuk, Edward Blaszk, Phil Fini, William Sliech, William Janulewicz, and Anthony Kosak, directors.

Rev. Frank Dunn led the invocation, and Stanley Zarod, former state senator, was guest speaker. Edward Smith, the club's vice president for 1981, received the club's Man of the Year Award.

The officers and directors of the women's division

of the Polish American Club are Jane Carroll, president; Valerie Melloni, vice president; Eleanor Stepanik, secretary; Agnes Lipski, treasurer; and Wanda Adamski, Theresa Charkiewicz, Melba Drewnowski, Lucille Drewnowski, Jennie Guidetti, Kay Nieroda, Lily Ciak, Jennie Booth, and Celia Menard, directors.

Chairman of the installation banquet was new vice president Robert Strader.

Mikki's Kitchen



By Michele Blair Pisano

A casual conversation with CAROL MORAN, a Spanish Teacher at Agawam High School, made me realize how wise our Yankee forefathers were. Carol, a native of Vermont, quoted her mother as always saying, "Anything cooked on top of the stove has to be stirred, thickened, thinned, or flipped. Use your oven whenever possible, for your own convenience." I am very anxious to try Carol's recipe for an "oven dinner."

PORK CHOP OVEN DINNER

4 thick pork chops
4 potatoes
4 teaspoons brown sugar; 4 dots of butter
2 Acorn Squash, halved, 1/2" water; 1/2 rounded teaspoon all spice

Place pork chops and half Acorn squash (face down) in baking dish that has 1/2" water in it. Place potatoes along outside of baking dish. Bake at 375 degrees for 1 hour. Remove from oven and turn squash face side up and dot with butter, all spice and brown sugar. Bake another 15 minutes.

TESSIE LOSITO recently made a cheesecake that was so popular she had to photocopy the recipe for many of her guests that gathered at her Line Street home after her daughter's wedding.

TESSIE'S SPECIAL CHEESECAKE

2 lbs cream cheese; 1 1/2 cup sugar
4 beaten eggs; 3 teaspoon flour
1 pint sour cream; juice of 1/2 lemon
1/4 lb melted butter, 1 teaspoon vanilla & 3 teaspoon cornstarch

Using an electric mixer, cream the cream cheese, add sugar gradually, add eggs and beat well. Add lemon juice, vanilla, cornstarch, flour and butter.

Beat until smooth. Stir in sour cream. Pour into greased 9" springform pan and bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour. Turn off oven and leave in for 2 hours. Remove from oven and cool 1/2 hour. Remove sides of pan and let cool for at least 1 hour before cutting. Store in refrigerator. Better after a day or two of staying in the fridge.

The other night my oldest son, MICHAEL, was watching me make a vegetable soup. Each vegetable, he said, was worse than the one before it. As most of us know, if we can't disguise a vegetable as a pizza or hamburger we might as well forget feeding it to the kids.

Because of this fact, it came as a great surprise to me when six months ago, Michael proclaimed he really liked a green bean casserole I had made for a number of years. This recipe has been around for a long time and I'm sure that many of you already have it. However, for those of you that don't, here it is. I think in our family it should be called "Michael's Miracle."

GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE

2 packages frozen French-style green beans
1/2 can milk; 1 can cream of celery soup
1 can Durkee's French Fried Onions

In casserole dish, mix everything but onions. When mixed, crumble onions on top of green beans and bake covered for 1/2 hour and uncovered for 15 minutes.



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Community Scrapbook

By Claudia Scott

A MAN ABOUT TOWN

It is easy to believe Paul Ferrarini's wife, Louise, when she claims that "He's busier now than he ever was when he went to a job."

Ferrarini, 73, and a lifelong resident of Agawam, is a very active member of the Agawam UNICO, president of the Holy Name Society at St. Anthony's Church, president of the Stigmatine Scholarship Committee, and a member of the Golden Agers and the Senior Citizens' Clubs.

He and Louise live on Reed Street from which location he operated his own residential and industrial cleaning service for almost thirty years. Known as David's Window Cleaning Service (Mother's Little Helper), it is now managed by Paul's son, Paul, Jr.

The Ferrarinis have three other children: Lucille Moynihan, who lives in New Jersey with her two sons; David, who also lives in New Jersey; and Catherine, who works at Children's Hospital in Boston.

Louise and Paul will soon be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They met while both worked for the now-defunct H. L. Handy Company in Springfield.

Ever since Paul became the first altar boy at St. Anthony's in 1921, he has had a commitment to his church through volunteer activities. He was the first lay person to distribute communion as a member of Bishop Maguire's class and also ushers at mass each Sunday.

Every December, Paul chairs the church retreat and participates actively each month as a member of the Nocturnal Adoration Society, which conducts all-night prayer vigils. As a member of the Knights of Columbus, he attends many parades and funeral observances as part of the Fourth Degree Color Guard.

In his third year as president of the Stigmatine Scholarship Committee, Ferrarini leads projects to raise funds to aid financially students preparing for the priesthood in the Stigmatine Order. He takes great pride in the amount of financial support this group has raised.

He will assume even greater responsibilities in July when he becomes president of the Agawam chapter of UNICO. A member for ten years, he is currently vice president and publicity chairman. The group - whose acronym stands for Unity, Neighborliness, Integrity, Charity, and Opportunity - is known for its community service. Some of their activities support eight annual scholarships, holiday food baskets to the needy, and projects which benefit mental health, Camp Rainbow, and the Brian Piccolo Award, which is presented annually to an outstanding Agawam High graduate who has excelled in scholarship and athletics.



PAUL FERRARINI

Paul has a strong personal affection for Agawam High as he graduated from there in 1927, one of a class of 27 students. He now organizes his class reunions and is currently making plans for their 55th year get-together.

Paul also enjoys baseball and was the team manager of the championship Agawam Eagles, a team active in the thirties. He has many fond memories of the town minstrel shows staged to raise money for the team and laughs about passing the hat for pennies and nickels at games to get money for team expenses.

Paul does get away from his duties for a few weeks every winter to go to Florida with Louise. However, he states with a grin, "Once you get a job as a volunteer, they are never going to fire you." So he always returns to resume his very busy schedule, which he loves without a doubt.

OBITUARIES

CHARLES J. BROGGI

Charles J. Broggi, 75, of 181 Springfield Street died Thursday, January 14, 1982, in a local nursing home.

A retired stock clerk for United Technologies Corporation, he was born in Pittsburgh and lived in Agawam most of his life. He was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church and a member of the Victor Emmanuel and St. Anthony Societies.

He leaves his wife Louise (Bilesimo); two sons, Robert of Wellesley and William of Westfield; two sisters, Rose Perrretti of Agawam and Norma Westkirk of Springwater, NY; and six grandchildren.

Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home was in charge of services with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

LEO J. DUFRESNE

Leo J. Dufresne, 75, of 82 Paul Revere Drive died Friday, January 15, 1982, in St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford.

Born in Brunswick, Maine, he lived in Enfield for 50 years and in Agawam for the last two. A retired inspector for Pratt and Whitney Aircraft, he was a member of the Third Order of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

He leaves his wife Irma (DuBois); a daughter, Barbara Castonguay of Feeding Hills; a sister, Sister Jeanne DeMarie Dufresne of St. John's Convent, Brunswick; and a grandson.

Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapel was in charge of services with burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Enfield.

BESSIE MAE FARROWS

Bessie Mae (Jarvis) Farrows, 80, of 244 Colemore Street died Sunday, January 17, 1982, in a local nursing home.

Born in Malone, NY, she lived in Feeding Hills for 27 years and was a retired clerk from the former Forbes and Wallace department store.

She leaves her husband Albert; two daughters, Carlene Ambrose of Springfield and Janice Hunt of South Hadley; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Curran Jones Funeral Home was in charge of services with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

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PRESIDENT OF THE AGAWAM LIONS CLUB, Jim Taupier, (left) presents Chief Librarian Donna Campbell with "large print books" valued at \$250 for the benefit of local residents who are visually handicapped. Looking on is Lions Club Vice-President Ray Olson. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Lions Donate Big Print Books To Library

Once again, the Agawam Public Library is delighted to announce that the Agawam Lions Club has generously donated \$250 for the purchase of large-print books. These easy-to-read books with 18-point print are greatly appreciated by many people including the visually handicapped, the elderly, and those who are just plain tired of squinting over tiny print.

This year, the library has added 21 new books thanks to the benevolence of the Lions Club's dedicated members.

Among the books purchased are four by popular Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist James Michener.

Other books include the following: Jilly Cooper's romance, *Prudence*; Perry Gresham's *With Wings As Eagles*; Zane Grey's *King of the Range*; William Haines' *Command Decision*; Arlene Hale's *The Shining Mountain* and *A Vote For Love*.

Also, Richard Lockridge's *The Long Skeleton*, *The Old Die Young*, and *Or Was He Pushed?* Lynda Sargent's *Judith Dechesne*, Elizabeth Seifert's *The Doctor's Promise*; Dorothy Uhnak's *The Bait/The Witness* and *The Ledger*; Jonathan Valin's *Final Notice*; and *Your Travel Agent: A Consumer's Guide* and *Favorite Recipes from Pepperidge Farm*.

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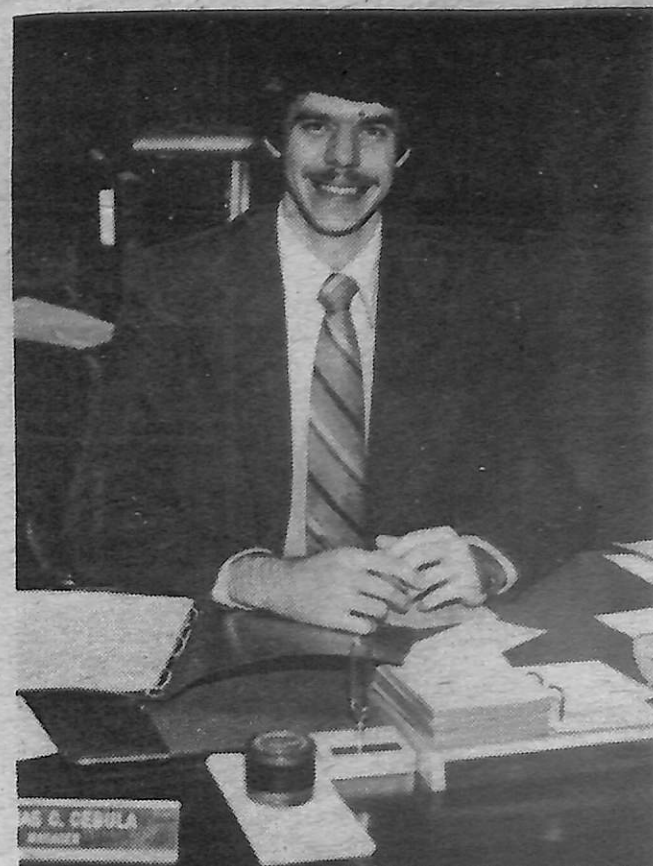
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THOMAS C. CEBULA

Cebula Appointed Bank Manager

By Dorine Kubik

Early in December, Thomas C. Cebula became the new branch manager of the Third National Bank at 701 Main Street, Agawam.

The tall, pleasant, eligible bachelor lives in Wilbraham, where he is involved in many community activities. Among them, he coaches a basketball team of seventh and eighth graders called the Wilbraham Falcons. This team, which participates in the Suburban Amateur Basketball League, won all of their games last season.

Cebula is active during the summer on the executive board of the Scantic Valley Boys' Baseball League and is a certified amateur A.S.A. softball umpire.

Cebula graduated from Minnechaug High School and received a bachelor's degree with honors in business administration from Babson Institute in Wellesley. He is currently working towards an M.B.A. at Western New England College.

He has been with Third National Bank since June, 1979, and comes to the Agawam branch from being manager of the New North Branch on Liberty Street, Springfield.

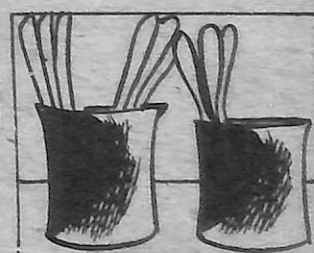
He invites all town residents to stop in to say hello.

Lung Association To Hold Auction

On Saturday, February 6th the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts will hold an auction at the Holyoke Mall at Ingleside. The public is invited to preview the items to be auctioned from 9:00 am to 10:00 am, with the auction starting at 10:00 am.

Stores in the Holyoke Mall as well as stores outside of the mall have donated items to be auctioned. Some of the items are: kitchen wares, grocery store, gift certificates, organ & dance lessons, glassware and more.

Proceeds from the auction will be used for Anti-Smoking programs and Asthma Conditioning programs for children. For further information concerning the auction, call the Lung Association at 737-3506.



Is your kitchen short on drawer space? Make "bouquets" of frequently used utensils like serving spoons and spatulas in jars or jugs on the counter top.



Your Back & Your Health

By Dr. Joseph & Katherine Schlaffer
CHIROPRACTORS

Living in a computerized age, we are impressed with the miracle of electronics. But how much do you know about the miracles performed by the Super Machine, the human body?

Here are a few facts that might give you a better understanding and appreciation of your physical being.

Your heart is the most efficient pump in existence for its size, beating approximately 75 times a minute or 40 million times a year. Its function is to pump blood to all organs, supplying food and nourishment to tissues. Likewise, it circulates the blood through the lungs where it gathers oxygen.

Your stomach produces a strong acid which aids in digestion. A drop of the hydrochloric acid produced would burn cloth, raise a blister on your skin and tarnish metal; yet, it does not harm the walls of the stomach under normal conditions.

In a lifetime, the stomach will digest about 50 tons of food.

There are more than 600 muscles in your body. Working in pairs, it takes as many as 200 to do a simple task like putting a box on a shelf.

Your body is made up of billions of cells. They are so small that if you were to lay them side by side, it would take more than 4,000 to cover an area of just one square inch.

Your lungs are filters which take oxygen out of the air. In breathing, you use almost 100 gallons of oxygen each day.

There are more than 25 trillion red cells in your blood stream which carry life-giving oxygen from your lungs to your tissues and then return the waste gas to be cleaned by the lungs. In plasma, which floats through your body, are also white cells. White cells are an army of guards, enforcing safety by attacking disease.

The central nervous system originates in the brain and extends through the spinal column, reaching every major part of the body. Three million impulses are generated in the nervous system every second.

Your brain is the receiving station for more than 125 million light receptors in the eye, 100 million hearing receptors in the ears, 3,000 taste receptors, 30,000 heat receptors, 250,000 cold receptors and 1/2 million touch receptors.

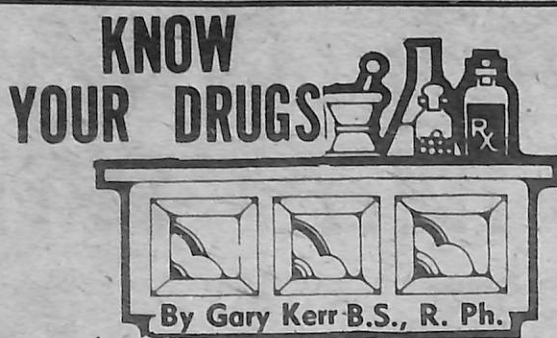
It is correct to assume that your brain-nerve system is the master control system for all body functions.

There is no doubt about it, the human body is a complicated mechanism. So complex, in fact, that the exact way that it functions is far beyond the comprehension of the most learned scientists. The normal state of the body is health. Health is manifested only when the body is perceiving and adapting to its internal and external environments to the best of its ability. This adaptation is another function of the nerve system.

That is the basis for chiropractic's viewpoint that any dysfunction of the nerve system due to structural misalignment of the spine can have far reaching effects. That is also why doctors of chiropractic, as primary health providers, place great emphasis in maintaining sound nerve function and structural balance of the body.



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counter) medications today are acetaminophen, best known to us as Tylenol, and aspirin, which is available under many trade names. For the most part, the two chemicals are quite similar, but several differences do exist and a concise comparison is well justified.

Acetaminophen and aspirin are both classified as analgesics (pain reducers) and antipyretics (fever reducers). Aspirin, however, has additional activity including antirheumatic properties and antiplatelet properties. Its antiplatelet activity produces an increased bleeding time, or decreased ability to clot.

The most common side effects associated with aspirin usage are nausea, vomiting, and/or stomach pain secondary to gastrointestinal irritation. The lack of these effects with acetaminophen is the major reason the latter has gained such popularity among former aspirin users.

Acetaminophen has been associated with liver dysfunction, e.g. hepatitis, rarely, and blood dyscrasias, manifested as sore throat, fever, and chills. Aspirin may produce black, tarry stools from gastrointestinal bleeding, and tinnitus (ringing in the ears), the latter being seen especially in arthritis patients ingesting large daily doses.

Another advantage acetaminophen has over aspirin is its availability in a palatable liquid, usually cherry flavored, dosage form. It is also available in capsules, tablets, chewable tablets, and suppositories (everyone's favorite!). All oral aspirin products, with the exception of enteric coated tablets, are recommended to be taken with food or milk to minimize GI distress.

Most consumers are quite familiar with the various aspirin products available today, but less familiar with the acetaminophen preparations except for Tylenol. Others include Datril and Liquiprin. Note that Liquiprin is NOT liquid aspirin, as the name implies, but acetaminophen.

Some additional patient information is to be considered: 1) Suppositories should be split lengthwise if a half dose is to be administered rectally. 2) Both aspirin and acetaminophen are especially toxic to young children. Keep all preparations out of reach.

3) Patients should check with the physician if any fever persists longer than three days while using either of these medications. 4) Do not ingest aspirin products which put forth a vinegar-like odor. 5) Aspirin and alcohol together may increase the chances of gastric upset. 6) Since aspirin prolongs bleeding, your physician should know, prior to any surgical procedures, if you are taking aspirin.

While aspirin and acetaminophen continue their battle, the facts remain as follows: aspirin is an extremely versatile and effective agent demonstrating activity in the inflammatory processes of arthritis and

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YOUR DENTAL HEALTH

By Dr. Stephen Jacaprarro
D.M.D.

After years of cavities, fillings, abscesses, and gum treatments, the thought occurs to many people, "Wouldn't I be better off just to pull my teeth out and get a set of plates?"

The answer is almost always no. There are good reasons to save all the teeth you can. The more teeth that remain allows more option in treatment. Depending on conditions, bridges or partial dentures can be fabricated for you. If all teeth are missing, then you have more or less burned you bridges behind you.

Even the best dentures are a poor substitute for natural teeth. Studies have shown that even good dentures have only one-quarter to one-half the chewing efficiency of your natural set of teeth. In previous articles, I have discussed the importance of proper chewing to nutrition and nutrition's importance to your overall health. What's food for the goose is food for the gander is not necessarily true if the gander can't chew it.

Many people experience great difficulty in getting used to dentures, especially lower dentures. These dentures are not put in on a trial basis so if you don't like them you can't have your teeth put back in. Unless you have implants inserted, you have no other options than to learn to tolerate them in your mouth.

The bony ridge upon which the denture rests is kept in place by the teeth, and this ridge is resorbed (dissolved) slowly once the teeth are removed. This, of course, changes the foundation upon which the dentures sit. This change in the shape of the bone will cause the dentures to rub the tissue the wrong way in certain places causing denture sores. As the shape of your gums changes, the fit of your dentures will progressively worsen, necessitating relining or replacement of your dentures.

In the long run, you haven't freed yourself of problems and found a panacea; you have just exchanged one set of problems for another, and in doing so, you have limited the options on how to best resolve the problem. Only you can be the judge of how much of a chance you are willing to take.

Do yourself a favor - treat yourself right and save all the teeth you can now.

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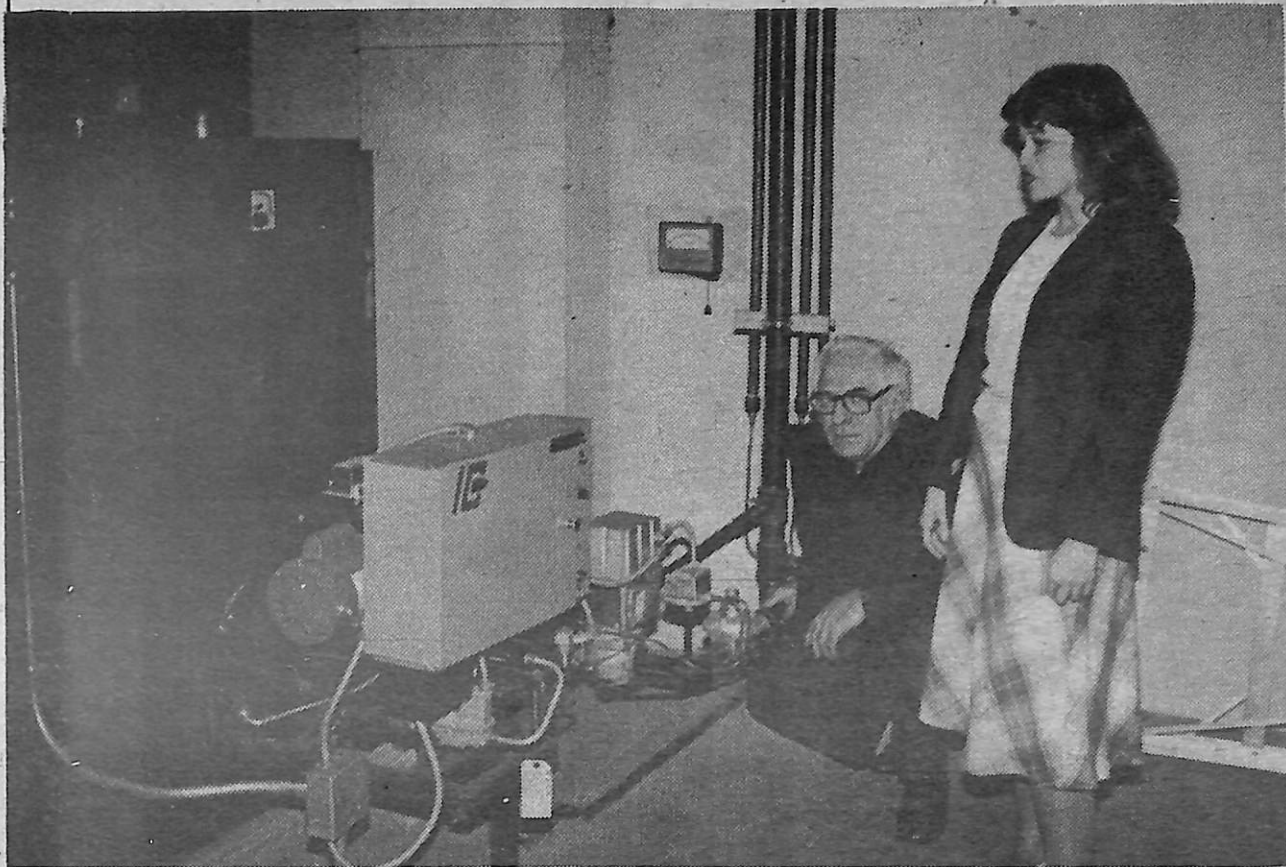
Fortunately, care for most on-the-job injuries is covered by workmen's compensation insurance. Nevertheless, don't take chances. If you fall or strain something, arrange for a complete examination.

The time you save by quick, effective action may be lifelong!

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Keeping Warm On Old Man Winter



DIRECTOR OF BUILDING MAINTENANCE JULIAN "LOU" MIODOWSKI checks the furnace in the Agawam Public Library with Chief Librarian Donna Campbell during the recent cold spell. Both report the furnace is alive and well and keeping everyone in the building just warm enough.



PAPER BOY KEVIN ATKINSON of 151 Florida Drive makes sure he dresses for the weather each day he delivers his newspapers.

Photos By
JACK DEVINE



DESPITE THE COLD, police officer Richard Curry finds that some of his duties take him out of the cruiser and into the street. Here, Curry directs traffic while the DPW fixes a water line burst.



KEVIN WIDMER, an employee of Frank Pignatare's Auto Service Center on Main Street, shivers in the cold as he pumps gas. The winds at one point were so strong, the signs at the station were almost blown over.



WORKERS TRY TO KEEP a quick pace to keep themselves warm while conducting renovation and expansion operations at Agawam Medical Equipment on Main Street.



January 21, 1982



The Florist's Touch

By Phyllis Hout
Feeding Hills Florist

Electricity open new horizons in indoor plant growing. With the flick of a switch, any bookshelf, basement, dark corner or kitchen cupboard can become a plant-growing center. Fluorescent lamps with reflectors and high intensity incandescent bulbs are making it possible to have indoor gardens where none otherwise could exist.

Not all houseplants, however, can be grown under artificial light. Since this light is not nearly as intense as sunlight, it will support only plants that require no more than moderate sunlight. Plants that grow well under artificial light include Achimenes, African Violet, Brazilian Edelweiss, Columnea, Flame Violet, Gloxinia, Kohleria, Lipstick plant, Nautocalyx, Sinningia, Streptocarpus, and Temple bells.

Ferns do fine, and so do some cacti and succulents. Begonias thrive and orchids flower nicely. Some growers now seem to have moderate success with herbs and even a few vegetable crops such as lettuce.

A table lamp gives sufficient light to boost the growth of foliage plants such as philodendron, English ivy, and pothos. If such a lamp is kept lighted four to five hours a day, the plants will grow exceptionally well. A 150-watt spotlight or floodlight may be used above a tall indoor tree. A high ceiling is required for this set up, however, for the light must be four feet above the top of the foliage.

For most plant setups, fluorescent lamps are best. They provide more growing space under them and have the higher intensities required by many plants. Fluorescent light is cooler, more even, and cheaper than incandescent light.

It is excellent not only for growing mature plants, but also for raising seedlings and propagating cuttings. A gardener can raise annuals and vegetable plants in early spring so that they are ready to be set in the ground outdoors as soon as the weather settles. Keep the lamps three to four inches above the sprouting seedlings, and raise the lamps as the seedlings grow taller. Cuttings of both houseplants and some woody shrubs can also be rooted with the aid of fluorescent light.

Fluorescent lamps are available in white, cool white, warm white, natural and daylight. These terms define the amount of coloring in the tubes, not their temperature. Plants need mostly red light for root growth and blue light for stem and leaf growth. A combination of one cool white (largely red) tube

one daylight (largely blue) tube supplies a well-balanced light spectrum for indoor plants. To raise seedlings, use only warm white tubes, which are especially rich in red rays.

More costly but often worth the expense are the newly improved agricultural "growth" lamps, sold under various trade names, which now provide in a single tube the full range of light spectrum needed for plant growth. They look like natural light, but are stronger in intensity.

One final reminder when growing plants under artificial light: since the light is constant, the plants

need regular applications of fertilizer and daily checking for water needs. Daily misting is helpful to keep the humidity high and grouping potted plants in a tray on a layer of small, moist stones also helps to provide humidity and allows for pot drainage and aeration of roots.

Since plants grown under lights tend to be handles more, lightweight plastic pots and soilless potting mixtures are frequently used rather than clay pots and heavier soil mixes.

A simplified recipe is one part each of peat moss, vermiculite, and perlite.

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EDITORIAL

Mrs. Sandlin Named Board Chairwoman

We are gratified that our endorsement of Rosemary Sandlin as School Committee chairwoman became reality last week.

We believe that Mrs. Sandlin's good work and hardline during her rookie two years on the board merits the opportunity to serve as chairwoman of the 7-member board.

The task facing Mrs. Sandlin and the School Committee this year will be especially difficult.

Proposition 2 1/2 looms as the most pressing problem that needs addressing over the next several months as the board deliberates on its budget.

We are also quite certain both Mrs. Sandlin and Superintendent of Schools James V. Bruno will avoid the major snafu that developed last spring when 109 teachers here received letters of possible layoffs at the eleventh hour due to new budget restraints imposed by 2 1/2.

We view the new School Committee as one that will continue the policy of opening its doors to residents and addressing the issues with an open and frank candor needed during a time when difficult decisions must be made.

Mrs. Sandlin gained the chair by a 5-2 vote over veteran board member Walter Balboni, and we, at this time, wish to congratulate Mr. Balboni for his year of service as the board's chairman.

Balboni held the position during a chaotic period for the school department under an administration that had lost its credibility to its staff and to the public as well.

Mr. Balboni was a strong supporter of Bruno for the superintendent's position when it became vacated last summer and offered a steadying hand in several dark hours for the school system.

We wish him continued success as a board member.



From The Third

By Edward W. Connelly
MA State Rep.
Third Hampden District

Sounds Of Silence Ring Through Statehouse

The silence throughout the State House these past ten days has been deafening. Informal sessions, where noting controversial can be entertained, are the order of the day.

Our second formal session is expected to be called for on Wednesday, January 27 at noon. At that time, the Governor will present his budget to the Legislature for fiscal 1983. This action will then trigger the entire process.

Approximately 2000 Bills will then be in print, thereby enabling the joint committees to start hearings for the second half of the session.

Aside from a probable Tregor (or Boston Bail-Out Bill), an attempt to freeze 1981 or lower 1982 auto insurance rates, and a few minor items, nothing truly major should surface prior to the last weeks in February.

I would expect, however, that the after-effects of last year's budget debate would be of great concern to all legislators and have a tendency to undergo the entire budget process as quickly as possible.

The actions of cities and towns resulting from the modification of Proposition 2 1/2, whereby over-rides might be significant, will also be a determining factor.

Unless tight pressure is maintained on the Legislature because of Proposition 2 1/2, there will be a tendency to drift away from more local aid to help reduce property taxes, and possibly concentrate on greater reduction of income tax.

As local referenda are addressed to either over-ride or not to over-ride, the budget, local aid and tax relief pictures will quickly clear.

Your Letters & Guest Editorials Are WELCOME

Officers Thanked For Services

To The Editor:

The Boys Basketball Booster Club would like to thank publicly auxiliary police officers Anthony Ferraiolo and Mark Sotichet for donating their services at a recent dance held to raise funds for transporting the boys basketball teams to games.

The organization would also like to thank Auxiliary Police Chief James Martone for allowing us the use of his men.

Sincerely,
Rosemary Sandlin
Secretary, Booster Club

In Appreciation

The family of Vincenzo "Jim" Mercadante, 73, of 44 Pleasant Hill who died on December 28, 1981, wish to take this opportunity to thank the following individuals and organizations in the community for their help, kindness, and love during the family's time of sorrow.

Chief of Police Stanley Chmielewski; Fire Chief Russell Jenks; Firefighter-EMT's Jim and Gary Brown; residents of Pheasant Hill; the Agawam Golden Agers Club; and Agawam senior citizens.

The family also send their deep appreciation to all of their neighbors and friends who sent flowers and cards. We are deeply grateful and we send you God's blessing.

Mrs. Pilomenia Mercadante
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Gutowski
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Fisher
Mr. & Mrs. Roland Mercadante
Mr. & Mrs. James V. Mercadante

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on February 4, 1982, at 7:00 P.M. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA.

The purpose of this hearing is to hear the Zone Change request of Diplomat Builders, Inc., Ralph DePalma, President, to rezone land from Residence A-2 and Agriculture to Residence A-3, the land is located on the westerly side of Suffield Street just south of the Route 57 underpass.

Beginning at an iron pipe on the Westerly side of Suffield Street at land now or formerly of Calabrese and thence running Southerly along said Suffield Street six hundred and seventy-two and 7/100 (672.75) feet to an iron pipe at other land now or formerly of William E. Quinlan; thence Westerly along land of said Quinlan thirteen hundred and fifty-six and 06/100 (1356.06) feet to an iron pin at land now or formerly of Snell; thence Westerly along said Snell's land fifty (50) feet to an iron pin at land now or formerly of Russo; thence Northerly along said Russo's land nine hundred and fifty (950) feet more or less to a pine stump at land now or formerly of Calabrese; thence easterly along said Calabrese's land eight hundred and seventy-two (872) feet more or less to the place of beginning.

Subject to the restrictions, if same are now in force in deed of Joseph W. O'Toole and Edith H. Crouss dated November 4, 1899, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 596, Page 403.

Being the premises described as Parcel 1 in a deed of William J. O'Toole to Mary A. Sullivan, Trustee, dated December 3, 1980, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 5037, Page 291.

The land is located on the Westerly side of Suffield Street just South of the Route 57 underpass. The land is presently zoned Residence A-2 and Agricultural, and your petitioner seeks to change said zone to Residence A-3.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
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Happy Quilting

By Suzanne Ashe
Of The Piecemakers Quilt Shop

I think one of the things that makes quilting so much fun is the variety. Even if you have ten people doing the same pattern of a quilt, the colors they choose or the quilting design they choose can make the quilt look quite different from another of the same pattern.

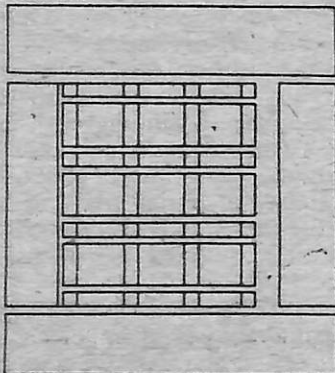
Using lattice strips and different variations of lattice work can give your quilt a personal touch. Lattice is the strips of sashing set around or in between each block. Most often, the lattice is either 2 or 3 inches wide. If you want to quilt in the lattice, a 3 inch wide strip is better.

The lattice is then sewn to the block and cut after it is sewn. This way you won't run into the problem of sewing a lattice strip on and finding it is too short.

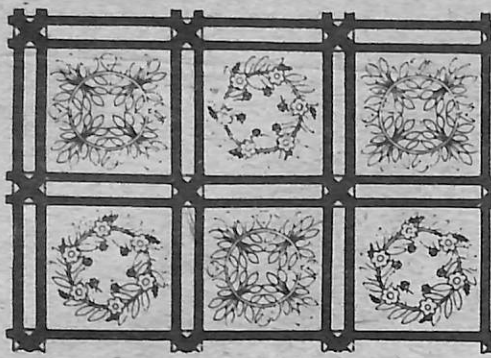
The lattice strips are sewn in between the blocks going across the width of the quilt. After all the blocks are sewn with the lattice in between them, you sew a long lattice strip in between the two rows.

It is important that the two rows with the long lattice strip sewn to it be pinned so that the short lattice of each row will line up. One thing you should keep in mind is to cut borders and long lattice strips first and put them aside. Very often quilters start sewing and cutting and find they don't have fabric long enough to make the long lattice or borders. Long lattice and borders should be cut first even though they get sewn on last!

If you should find that you have fabric you would like to use and it's not quite long enough, you can use a square. The short lattice are set in the same, but the long lattice instead consists of short lattice-strips with squares in between.



Another form of lattice work is to take the lattice strip and divide it into three parts: a colored strip on each side of a background strip. The set is usually twice the size of the colored strips. The set-in square can be a nine patch or other pieced square.



A variation of this design is similar to Ohio Star pattern at each intersection of the latticework. Colored framing strips are sewn to each side of the block usually with butted corners. The sashing strips consists of a strip of background color with four triangles of the same fabric as the colored framing strips.

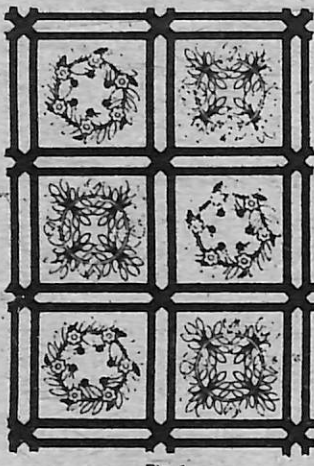


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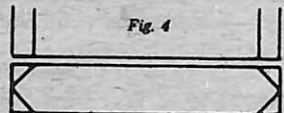


Fig. 4

There are many other variations of lattice work. Experiment with a few. It can add a little zip to your quilt.

Happy Quilting!

Pentagon Official Visits National Aerospace



RICHARD E. DONNELLY, an official from the Pentagon in Washington and Director of the agency's Industrial Resources branch, visited National Aerospace on Ramah Circle in Agawam on Tuesday to review upcoming defense department contracts and procedures in the coming months of the Reagan Administration. On hand to greet Donnelly was RONALD MASNICKI, president of National Aerospace. Donnelly and Masnicki then headed for Sheraton-West in West Springfield for a dinner of small Western Massachusetts industrialists which are associated with the Pentagon. Masnicki, incidentally, was named president of the group for 1982. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

YMCA Outlines Membership Goals

George Goyer, general director of the YMCA, announced the dates and goal for the annual Sustaining Membership Campaign to begin February 1st for the purpose of offsetting the cost of the Y's work with youth.

Goyer said, "The sustaining membership income supplements the United Way's support and program fees, which are charged in support of our youth programs. Our sustaining members know that development of strong leaders of tomorrow requires the highest skill that trained leaders can provide today."

The 1982 Sustaining Membership Campaign goal is \$78,000. Sustaining members are individuals who believe in the importance of the YMCA's youth programs and who support their beliefs with an annual contributing membership.

The campaign theme "Strength for the future, helping to build tomorrow's leaders" is what "Y" members do when they become 1982 sustaining contributors.

Bobby Orr Film To Be Shown At Public Library

The Agawam Hockey Association will sponsor the Bobby Orr film "First Goal" on Monday, January 25 at the Agawam Public Library at 4:00 pm.

The film is free and open to the public.

Bruce Landon of the Springfield Indians is trying to arrange for members of the Indians to be available at the film for a question and answer period on hockey.

All members of the Agawam Hockey Association are cordially invited to attend. REMEMBER: National Youth Hockey week is now underway, January 17-January 23.

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SCHOOL



Doris and Chick Kistner take a moment to pose at the dinner honoring him upon his recent retirement from the Agawam School System. Photo by Jack Devine.

Parents Of Gifted Plan Meeting With Specialist

Parents Promoting Educational Potential (P.P.E.P.) will hold their next meeting on Thursday, January 28th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Junior High cafeteria.

Peter Cobb, past president of the Connecticut Association of the Academically Talented and teacher of the gifted in Hartford, will be the guest speaker.

All parents of children in the Project S.E.E. program are especially invited to attend.

Pack 75 Activities

Cub Scouts and Webelos of Pack 75 in Feeding Hills attended the Springfield Indians hockey game last Friday and saw the tribe win an impressive victory over the Maine Mariners. They attended as part of Boy Scout Night sponsored by the Indians at the Springfield Civic Center. Free skating was enjoyed after the game.

The pack will hold its January meeting this Sunday, and master falconer Dick Lucius from Springfield will present an interesting demonstration with some of his birds.

Feeding Hills Woman On Nichols' Dean's List

Carolyn Pacewicz of Feeding Hills has been named to the dean's list at Nichols College for the first semester of the '81-'82 academic year.

Ms. Pacewicz, a senior management major, is a statistician for the Nichols varsity basketball team. She is a member of the Ambassador Club and the cheerleading team.

A graduate of Agawam High School, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pacewicz of 16 Red Oaks Circle, Feeding Hills.

Girl Scout Leaders Needed

The Girl Scout office has issued an appeal for leaders in the Feeding Hills area, where many girls interested in scouting had to be turned away this year due to lack of leaders.

Mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, grandparents, and anyone interested in helping and having fun may become leaders. A Troop Consultant, who works on an adult level to recruit leaders, give advice on leadership, and oversee troop registrations, is also needed in Feeding Hills.

For more information, contact John Deglis at the Girl Scout office at 525-4124.

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Kistner Retirement Attended By 225 At Chez Josef

A testimonial dinner was held last Sunday in honor of Charles L. Kistner, retiring principal of the Agawam Middle School. More than 200 co-workers, family and friends attended the affair held at Chez Josef.

Master of Ceremonies Dennis Moran introduced several guest speakers including Dave D'Antonio, Mike Delucci, Chip Kistner, Ted Bishop, George Reynolds, Dr. Joseph Franson, and Ernie Hopkins.

Assistant Supt. of Schools Paul Tatro spoke on behalf of the school department, and Mrs. Jessie Fuller presented an award on behalf of the School Committee. Michael Walsh, on behalf of State Representative Edward Connelly, presented a proclamation issued by the state House of Representatives.

Several telegrams were received, including ones from former superintendents of school Dr. Ernest Cannava and Dr. Robert Gardner and from Raymond Harris, former principal. U.S. Congressman Silvio Conte sent a certificate of merit.

A touch of levity was introduced into the program with best retirement wishes expressed through a bellygram.

Tom Dacey closed the program with a gift presentation on behalf of those in attendance.

Among relatives and friends, some of whom traveled long distances to attend the event, were Chick's wife Doris, Chip and Anne Kistner, Holly and Bob Magner, and Lori and Gary Geissler. Several longtime classmates and friends from Holyoke also came.

Superintendent of Schools James V. Bruno Jr. termed Kistner one of the finest administrators he's ever been involved with and went on to detail his long association with Chick beginning with his student days when Chick was his basketball coach.

Current Middle School Principal Charles Corcoran called Kistner a natural leader who inspires loyalty and a desire to do a job well. He expressed the feelings of the entire staff in wishing him a well deserved retirement.

In charge of the retirement dinner party were Helen Cosgriff, chairperson, assisted by Patricia LeBlanc, Nell Hopkins, Tom Dacey, Elaine Bellico, Dick Orr, Dennis Moran, and Carol Spafford.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Mon., Jan. 25: Potted meat cubes in gravy, whipped potatoes, buttered diced carrots, bread & butter, fruit cup, milk

Tues., Jan. 26: Meatball sandwich in roll with tomato sauce, buttered rice, sweet peas, chocolate pudding, milk

Wed., Jan. 27: Baked hamburger & macaroni, buttered Italian mix vegetables, garlic bread & bread, whipped gelatin, milk

Thurs., Jan. 28: Vegetable beef soup, steamed frankfort in roll, oven baked beans, peanut butter cookies, milk

Fri., Jan. 29: Oven roasted turkey w/gravy, whipped potatoes, buttered green beans, wheat bread and butter, applesauce cake, milk

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Family Nature Lore

By Kay Kudlinski

Animal Tracks: Stories In The Snow

Life and death dramas, everyday occurrences in the lives of wild creatures, lie trapped in the snow for us to "read" if only we learn the language of tracking.

Trampled snow shows where a cat has lurked beneath a feeder. Fine scrapings and tracks record a tiny bird's meal on the snow. Scattered seed and wintip furrows prove the bird flew away in time.

Rabbit tracks ambling through the woods suddenly lengthen as the animal broke into a run. Here the trail of a coyote shows the source of its fear. Both tracks lurch back and forth through the trees, ending in a flurry of snow, a few drops of blood, and the tracks of a lone coyote heading away.

Look for animal tracks and stories everywhere in the snow: your yard, roadsides, fields or woods. Trails are clearest when the snow is only a few days old and the sun shines at an angle over the tracks.

When you find a track, sketch it with pencil on paper to record the size and shape of unfamiliar paw prints. Take along this column or borrow a more detailed book from the library. Olaus Murie's *A Field Guide to Animal Tracks* is a good reference to use.

Walk beside the tracks you are following. Look ahead instead of down and you may see the animal moving off in the distance. If you lose the trail, try to picture what the animal would probably have done next and set off in that direction.

Here are some of the tracks commonly seen in the Agawam area. The size is given for adult animals; smaller track sizes are generally for younger ones and larger tracks have been melted slightly by strong sunshine and are less distinct.

Long legged animals leave tracks in a zig-zag line. Sometimes hind feet land in forefeet tracks.



Short and long legged animals move in hops or jumps. Their hind feet land in front of their front feet.



The fat, flatfooted animals waddle along leaving close-set footprints.



Mice and weasles, grouse and bobcats all leave their mark on the snow. Only in wintertime are the private lives of animals so exposed to our curious eyes.

Happy tracking!

Robinson Park PTO Schedules Meeting

The Robinson Park PTO will meet on Thursday, January 28th at the school cafeteria beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Following a brief business meeting, the program will feature Ms. Pat Francis, writer in residence currently at the school working with students under the auspices of the Wide Horizons cultural program.

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Laughing Brook Activities

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is offering an evening travel slide program on Galapagos and Ecuador on Friday, January 22nd at 7:30. The presentation is a compilation of photographer Bob Carpenter's trip to these areas.

The program is open to the public and an admission fee will be charged.

Laughing Brook and the Allen Bird Club of Springfield are co-sponsoring a birdwatching trip by bus to introduce the north shore coastal area birds to participants on Saturday, January 23rd from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. This coastal winter birds trip is open to the public, a fee is charged, and reservations are limited and required in advance.

A children's nature workshop entitled Designs in Nature will be held on Saturday, January 30th, from 1 to 3 p.m. Youngsters will learn about patterns and designs found in nature by seeing and creating pictures. They will also work with some plants and animals that reinforce these ideas.

This program is open to children in grades kindergarten through four, registration is limited and a fee will be charged.

Laughing Brook is now accepting applications from those interested in applying for camp director of the sanctuary's natural history day camp in July and August.

The day camp director must be a minimum of 23 years old and is responsible for planning, developing, and evaluating the six-week camp program for children aged 6-12. Applicants should have previous experience as a staff member at a natural history day camp.

Interested individuals should send a resume and letter of intent to Crystal Kofke, director, Laughing Brook Education Center, 789 Main Street, Hampden, MA 01036. Deadline for applications is February 15.

Band Supper & Concert Planned

The Agawam High School Band and Color Guard Award Supper will be held on Wednesday, January 27th, at the high school cafeteria at 6 p.m.

Members, parents, friends, and invited guests will assemble for a potluck supper organized by the Band/Color Guard Parents Organization. Regular award emblems and pins will be presented along with some special music awards and "ballot box" fun awards.

Further details on the band's participation in the National Cherry Blossom Parade and Festival in Washington, D.C. will be available at that time.

The Pops Concert will be held at the Middle School auditorium on Friday and Saturday, February 5th and



Guidance Bulletin Board

By Paul Cavallo
Guidance Chairman

A few important notes for this week.

1) Parents of college bound students who wish to apply for financial aid must be filling out the Financial Aid Form (FAF) now or as soon as possible. You do not have to wait until your income tax for 1981 is done in order to fill out the FAF. As long as you have such information as income, taxes paid to federal and state, and other deductions, you can fill out the FAF. Most final paychecks for 1981 contain these totals on an employee's pay stub.

Remember the earlier you file the FAF, the sooner you'll hear about financial aid. If there is a question regarding your financial analysis, the college can require you to send a copy of your 1981 income tax 1040 form.

Any questions related to filling out the FAF are best directed to a financial aid officer of the college. Any of the local college financial aid officers will be happy to answer your questions. It is the policy of the AHS guidance department not to become involved in assisting parents with the FAF as the document involves a great deal of personal information with which we do not want to become involved.

2) College Boards will be administered in the high school cafeteria on January 23rd. Students who registered for the exam should report at 8 a.m. with two number 2 pencils and their admission ticket.

3) Scholarships: College Club of Springfield: open to senior girls who rank in the upper fifth of their class.

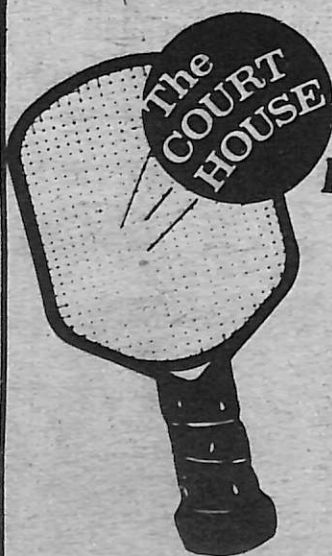
Sherman H. Bowles: open to any senior boy or girl in the high schools of Western Mass. and Northern Conn. who has worked as a newsboy, a carrier, or employee in any capacity for the Springfield newspapers for a period of not less than two years.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Andrew Caputo, WNEC; Andrew Lester, Worcester Polytechnic Institute; John Darnell, Westfield State; Michael Quill, WNEC; Tom Paleologopoulos, St. Michael's College; Michele Nolin, Bay Path Jr. College; Maria Campiti, AIC; Susanna Santanielli, AIC.

6th at 8 p.m. Tickets for this concert will be available from members or at the door. Table seating and light refreshments will be featured.

Music will be provided by the high school Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, and Jazz Band. This year, a number of younger students from the Middle School and Junior High will also play in a special selection for flutes and another one for trumpets.



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SPORTS

Cagers On Roll; Nudge Amherst, Smash S. Hadley

By Chris Hout

The Agawam High School cagers, using a balanced scoring attack, dumped the South Hadley Tigers 57-41 in schoolboy basketball action Tuesday night at South Hadley.

Guard Nadim Yacteen led the Brownies with 12 points, followed by 10 from Clark Dore, 8 from Timmy Ayre, Kevin Barnes and Scott Negrucci. Boo Smith chipped in with four. Dore also corralled 14 rebounds for the winners, now 7-2.

"This was another team effort," praised Agawam coach Lou Conte. "I expected a much closer ballgame from South Hadley, especially in their own gym. It wasn't exactly a nailbiter but I'll take it."

The Brownies built a 13 point halftime lead and then held South Hadley to only five points in the third quarter in cruising to their seventh victory and their second in as many nights.

"The team is passing the ball real well," said Conte. "That's the sign of a good team. Sometimes the kids resemble the Celtics (Boston)," he chuckled.

In Monday's action against Amherst, the Brownies, led by Ayre's 22 points, edged the Hurricanes 64-60 in a key Division B encounter.

Dore had 14, Barnes 12 and Negrucci 11 for the locals, who have won three straight.

"The team is going really well. We're winning on the road and that's a tough thing to accomplish in this league. But we are doing it well," Conte observed. "One more road game and then we go home," he sighed.

Agawam will meet Putnam this Friday evening at Putnam. The locals defeated the Beavers 73-54 in the seasonal opener at Agawam High in December.

Agawam will then return to the friendly confines of the high school gym for a key B Division clash with Northampton (who they upset up in Blue Devil land) on Friday and with Minnechaug on Tuesday. Both games get underway at 7:30 pm.



HE'S NOT TOO HAPPY AT THIS POINT: Agawam varsity hoop coach Lou Conte wears the face of displeasure during a recent Agawam basketball game. Conte later said he was trying to make a point to one of the officials. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Sulborski Hot As Brownies Clobber Holyoke, 9-3

By Chris Hout

Cathedral transfer student Chet Sulborski notched 2 goals and 3 assists Monday night lifting the Agawam Brownies to a 9-3 rout over listless Holyoke in schoolboy hockey action at the Coliseum.

The victory, Agawam's second this season against the Purple Knights, lifts the locals to 4-5.

Also scoring for Agawam was freshman whiz Jay Passerini (2), Jerry Ferrendino, Dave Bell, Frank Ron-doletto, Greg Mercure and Bob Eggleston.

Ferrendino (2), Todd Ruby (2), Steve Kovalsky (2), Bell, Chagnon, Mike Lazazzera and Paul Ferraro all added assists for Agawam.

"This team is really starting to put things together," said Agawam coach Bill Sapelli. "We have had a lot of trouble in the past putting the puck in the net but tonight was a lot different."

The senior line of Sulborski, Bell and Ferrendino combined for 4 goals and 6 assists in the victory.

"We know each other well," said Sulborski of he and his linemates. "We pretty much know what each is going to do out there and it helps."

Sulborski leads the Brownies in scoring with 6 goals and 9 assists for 15 points.

Kevin Kamyk and Dave Liptak split the goaltending chores for the locals. Kamyk rejected 19 shots while Liptak kicked out 5 more.

In last Friday's night's action against league leading Cathedral, Kamyk, who Sapelli calls "the best goaltender in the league," rejected 49 Panther bids but it wasn't enough as the division leaders nudged the Brownies 2-1. Cathedral had shelled Agawam earlier in the season 9-0 and Friday's action proves that Sapelli's optimism is well founded.

Varsity Wrestlers Take Two Straight

Phil Tomkiel's Agawam Brownies, riding on the strength of five pins, blasted the West Springfield Terriers 56-6 in schoolboy wrestling action last Saturday.

Jay Frasco (100), Tony Bryant (128), Keith Mercadante (157), Arthur Chase (187), and Steve Grasseti (HW) all pinned for the winners.

The victory raises Agawam's record to an impressive 5-2.

"I think we should have shut them out," said Coach Phil Tomkiel following the meet. "If we wrestled like we know we can we would have."

The victory over West Side was preceded by a stunning upset over Westfield last Wednesday night at Agawam High School, a win that surprised many people, including Tomkiel.

"Before the season started I would have never thought we could beat Westfield. But the kids have come a long way, especially the newcomers like Dan Giordano, Arthur Chase, Tom Mendes and Tony Bryant. I think this team can go 12-3 this season," Tomkiel said.

Agawam's next match is slated for Wednesday, January 20th against Frontier at Frontier Regional High School. Details of the match will be provided in the next issue of the *Advertiser/News*.

"Frontier should be tough," explained Tomkiel. "A couple of the matches could go either way in that one but overall we should beat them."

Agawam's next home match is scheduled for Saturday, January 23 when the Brownies will entertain Longmeadow at 1:00 pm.

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8-10 Girls League

The Elks came through with their second win this season. Coach Armand Rea, whose team has been plagued by losses the last few years, says his team really got it together and that everyone did her part in a great team effort.

Kristin Wing, Stephanie Milliken, Lori DeSimone, and Traci Trudel played a good defensive game for Graphic Printing.

11-14 Girls League

In an exciting game that went into double overtime, the Polish Club came up victorious over Corner Package. Sandy Lynch and Karen Philips were high scorers, and Angela Gaucher put in the winning basket.

Tricia Landry, Maria Lucia, Donna Stone, and Michelle Blanchard played great in a losing effort for Corner Package.

By Tom Lockwood**8-10 Boys League**

In a struggle between two top-notch teams, Mike Wright led Pioneer Valley Auto Parts to victory over the Elks. Other offensive standouts were Travis Hyland and Todd Larouche.

Leading the forces for the Elks was Shawn Smith, who accounted for all but four of his team's total points. Also turning in a good floor game were Keith Leal, Rich Lavalette, and Greg Munro. Coach Boo Smith commented, "We had a great game last week, but this week we missed our top scorer, Ray Stone. Hopefully, we'll be back in full force for next week's game against Chriscola, when we'll have to contain the awesome Pete Vecchiarelli."

10-12 Boys League

Ray LeClair led the talented Agawam Police Association team to their second win of the season. Sparking the team offensively were Todd Godek, Tim Lockwood, Robbie Gaynor, and Mike Chausee. Also playing well were newcomers Jim Lockwood and Jeff Chausee.

Despite their loss, the Agawam Advertiser/News team played a well-rounded game. Highlighting the offensive attack were Jeff O'Keefe, Bob Hoffman, and Jim Hanson. Having a good defensive game was Bobby Aversa. Coach Ric Sardella said, "This is a young team who can only get better as the season goes on."

13-15 Boys League

For the second consecutive week, Village Lounge held on to win a big game over Village Package Store. Behind the scoring of Mike Mahoney, Alan Mazza, and John Alves, the Lounge seemed unstoppable. Coach Jim Mahoney, feeling very assured of his team, said, "We had a good all-around game with the whole team contributing. Outstanding play came from Scott Pemberton, Darrell Brennen, and Gregory Barker."

In the losing effort, Mike Sardella dominated the floor, netting the majority of his team's points. Also playing well were Carl Fancy and Vic Carra. Coach "Snake" Riley's team takes on the Polish Club next week, hoping to boost their record to 2-1.

**AAA Piranhas Slate
Annual Swim**

On Sunday, January 31, the Agawam Athletic Association will hold its annual Piranha swim.

The swimmers, ages 5-18 and their parents, will be out collecting pledges from the community to raise money to pay their coaches' salary and other team expenses.

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RACQUETBALL INSTRUCTOR DORIS COSTELLO is all set for a stint at the Court House Racquetball and Health Fitness Facility. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

**Court House Hires
Doris Costello As
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The Court House Racquetball and Health Fitness Facility announces the addition of Doris Costello to the Court House staff. Ms. Costello will be instructing racquetball at the facility.

Ms. Costello is a graduate of Springfield College with a degree in Physical Education and has instructed racquetball for many years.

Ms. Costello has taught in Glastonbury, Conn; Wilbraham and New Jersey. She is the director of the Wilder Family Outdoor Center.

Ms. Costello will be available for lessons in the morning, early afternoon and during the evening hours.

The Court House management has been searching for a professional woman instructor for several months and are very pleased to acquire the services of Ms. Costello to work with their membership.

**AHA 8-10 Squirts
Bow To Holy Cross**

Holy Cross of Springfield dropped Simon Container of the Agawam Hockey Association's 8-10 Squirts by a 5-1 count in local suburban action.

The loss dropped the locals to 9-3.

Michael Shea tallied the lone score for the squirts on an unassisted play. A fine defensive effort was turned in by Tom Locke, Craig LaPierre, Danny Fugiel and Brendon Blake.

Goalie Delie Egan also gave a fine performance against the high flying squad from Springfield. Agawam outshot the Holy Cross side by a 15-11 margin including 9-2 in the first period. However, the Springfield goalie was too much for the locals as they suffered just their third defeat of the season.

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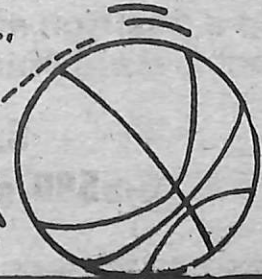
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Steve Palazzi Flying High For Norwich University

Norwich hockey coach Don Cahoon puts it this way: "Steve Palazzi is the best Division 2 player I've coached and the people up here in Northfield (Vermont) who have been following the hockey program for 30 to 40 years tell me he's the best player ever to wear a Norwich uniform."

That's quite a compliment for Agawam's Steve Palazzi, a 5-8 180-pound sophomore.

Palazzi recently had the college hockey world buzzing when he scored hat tricks in five straight games. And if that isn't a feat and a half, what is?

While Steve just missed a Division 2 record, the record at Norwich may stand for a long time (unless the local resident goes on to another scoring rampage).

"Steve is simply all talent," says Cahoon who was a former college star at Boston University and assistant coach at BU before accepting the Norwich job.

"He's a fine skater, an excellent center iceman, good playmaker, and good scorer. He'll go into the corners and he'll backcheck. He does everything you want of a player."

Steve's coach continued to praise: "Sometimes he does things you find hard to believe. I've seen him shoot the puck from between his legs and score; stop on a dime and spin around and score. You name it and he does it. Another asset he has is that he can control a puck with his skates."

Local residents will remember Steve's hockey days here. A product of the Agawam Hockey Association, Steve's ability allowed him to play for the Springfield Olympics in junior competition rather than for Agawam High School.

Agawam High coach Bill Sapelli still bemoans the move and says Palazzi's ability wearing orange and brown rather than Olympic colors would have done wonders for the program at the high school.

"I think Steve is a fine hockey player and he would have certainly been a tremendous asset to our team."

Steve says after attending a year at Northwood Prep to boost his grades before reaching the college ranks, he received many offers from colleges such as Boston University, Boston College, Yale, Northeastern and others.

Steve says his decision to attend Norwich was based on Cahoon who he describes as a great teacher and coach.

"The people from the other colleges were great people and were nice to me, but after I met coach Cahoon I knew Norwich was the college for me. He's a great person and an excellent teacher-coach."

Cahoon added, "There's no doubt in my mind that Steve could play Division I if he wanted to. But he wanted Norwich and we wanted him."

Palazzi admitted that he felt he needed the discipline that was demanded at Norwich and that, coupled with playing for Cahoon, gave him the best of two worlds.

After rivals learned that Palazzi was such a prolific scorer, he started to get double-teamed and received more than his share of hits.

Palazzi says goals and assists do not concern him. He says winning is far more important than individual statistics. Cahoon echoes his point.

"Palazzi isn't selfish at all, which is another plus. The bottom line is that he's a super player, but more than that he's a super person."

Agawam residents can beam with pride of Palazzi's good fortunes in college and he can be added to the growing list of former Agawam High students who are making good in higher education.

NOTE: Portions of this article were directly reprinted from a recent article in the BOSTON GLOBE.

Top "Sellers" For Agawam Hockey Asso.



THE AGAWAM HOCKEY ASSOCIATION JUST COMPLETED ITS ANNUAL CANDY SALE. Awards and prizes were given to the top sellers. The Agawam Hockey Association wish to thank all those who supported this worthy fundraiser. Top salesman was Jeff Hebert who received a \$75 prize. Winner of the drawing was Mark Sohay who also won a \$75 prize. Members of the Agawam Hockey Association pictured are, front row from left; Brandon Parrelli, Kevin Chrsanthopoulos, Phil Shuman, Pat McCormick, Jeff Perreault and Kevin Fleury. Back row; Jeff Hebert, Craig LaPierre, Andrew Parrelli, Mike Beltrandi and Matt Cappa. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Piranhas Defeat Amherst In Thriller

On January 16 at the Agawam Junior High School, the Agawam Athletic Association Piranha Swim Team took on Amherst and the meet was more than competitive and exciting.

There were 5 and 6 year old children on the Piranhas that courageously swam 50 yard events and won third and fourth places. There were 11 year old flippers that swam the 200 yard events and placed second and third. There were swimmers in this meet that took as much as 13 seconds off their best times!

What a phenomenal start the squad can boast of. There were several youngsters that were positive in attitude and spirit and swam and swam and swam some more.

The Piranhas, by the way, defeated the Amherst side by a close 454-420 with several former star Piranhas in the stands sharing a sense of spirit and loyalty cheered the squad on.

The following is a list of first place finishers at the meet: SANDY ALBANO (50 yard free), TONY TASSINARI (25 yard free), JENNIFER SCALISE (50

yard backstroke), KRISTEN PHILLIPS (50 yard breast), CHRIS PALTZ (100 yard IM-50 yard breast), MIKE TASSINARI (50 yard free-50 yard back), PAT O'BRIEN (50 yard back), TINA PIRNIE (200 yard IM-100 yard free), ANN LLEWELLYN (50 yard free), KAREN DABAROWSKI (50 yard free), RICH DEPKA (200 yard IM), JAY FUGIEL (50 yard free), RICH VEZIS, (100 yard back), TARA HAZEN (200 IM-100 back), LYNN FRATINI (50 yard free) and GINA IACOLO (200 free-100 yard free).

Second place finishers in the Amherst meet were: Susie Christian, Jennifer Jock, Judy Llewellyn, Jennifer Scalise, Kristen Phillips, Dana Orsucci, Pat O'Brien, Amy Talbot, Chris Briggs, Becky Turner, Ann Llewellyn, Carrie Vivencio, Pete Saunders, Fred Depka, Claudine Talbot, Mona LeClair, Kristen Smus and Lynn Fratini.

First and second place finishers are in their respective age brackets as the suburban swimming league is broken into age groups who then compete against each other. Total team points in all age brackets determine the meet winner.

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TRI-PARISH BOWLING...

St. Louis Downs 1st Place Holy Cross

Here's an update of what's going on in the TRI-PARISH BOWLING LEAGUE at the Agawam Bowl on Walnut Street Extension:

Holy Cross is still in first place with 16 wins and a pinfall of 6647. Holy Cross is captained by EDDIE GALLERANI. Fordham, captained by ANN O'CONNELL follows in second place with 15 wins and a pinfall of 7988. St Michael, captained by MIKE O'CONNELL is a close third with 14 wins and a pinfall of 8068.

The big story of the week was the rise from seventh place to fourth place by St. Louis captained by JEFF DANNER. St. Louis has 14 wins and a pinfall of 7964. St. Mary, captained by local barber FRANK RESCIGNO, fell into the barber's chair and slipped into fifth place with 13 wins and a pinfall of 8055. St. Mary had a split in last week's activity, taking only two wins from Loyola.

In sixth place we find Loyola with 12 wins and a pinfall of 8002. In seventh place is Notre Dame, captained by JOHN RESCIGNO with a pinfall of 8001 and 12 wins. In eighth place is Georgetown captained by AL MOCCIO.

In MATCH HIGHLIGHTS, EDDIE ANDERSON of the Loyola team did some pin smashing with a 127-113-105 for a 345. Jeff Danner of St. Louis team did a rollicking job of falling 363 of 110-116-137. In doing so, they took 4 wins from the Holy Cross team enabling Fordham to enter second place just 1 win behind the Holy Cross team. (Another big story of the week).

Al Moccio did a yeoman's job in falling 327 pins (121-106-100), however, Georgetown took 1 win enabling Notre Dame to take the 3 wins. JIM SYNDER, captain of CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY completed a 319 pinfall which meant taking 3 wins from Villanova. SHARON WRIGHT who substituted on Villanova did some good bowling with a 301 (118-102-81). They were able to salvage 1 win. EDDIE CONNOR of St. Anselm's fame did some good bowling himself with a 331 but could manage only 1 win from a rising Fordham side.

SANDY PREZESZLO who bowls with St. Mary did some mighty good pinfalling with a 322. This was sad for DEBBIE POIRIER who lost her 132 seasonal high string to Sandy who bowled a new seasonal high with a 133. Sandy had better watch Debbie, however. Debbie holds the seasonal high 3 strings at 340.

OTHER SEASONAL TITLE-HOLDERS: Jeff Danner with 371 and our barber friend again, Frank Rescigno with a season high single of 146.

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Sportsmen Corner

By Bill Chiba

Due to a change in the law there seems to be a great deal of confusion about Connecticut's 1982 sportsmen's licenses.

In the past, all hunting licenses have included hunting with firearms and bow and arrow. As of January 1, 1982, it is required that first time archers pass a safety course and receive a "Certificate of Competency." However, anyone who has, within the past five years, held a combination license or any hunting license is eligible to have archery included in their 1982 license.

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Hunters to receive moose hunting permits will be selected at a public drawing in May. The moose season will be September 20 to 25, 1982. The deadline for applying for the drawing is April 1.

Each person selected to receive a permit may name another person to accompany him or her on the hunt. The limit is one moose, but it may be taken by either member of the party.

The application fees are \$5 for residents and \$10 for non-residents and aliens. Possession of a hunting license is not required to apply for the drawing.

Moose hunting permits will cost \$25 for residents and \$200 for non-residents. In addition, all moose hunters, including their sub-permittees, must have a 1982 Maine license to hunt big game. There are no other fees.

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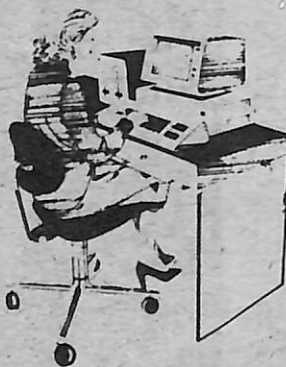
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And now after several years of opening the season late in May, Riverside goes back to its famous format of the sixties. On Saturday, April 10th, Riverside will bring back some of those old memories with fresh new stars.

Expected to attend are National Modified Champion Richie Evans, Riverside Winston Racing Series Champion Stan Gregor, Reggie Ruggiero, and many others.

Irv Potter of NEPRA also proudly announces that Riverside's opener would be a NASCAR-sanctioned open competition event. This should make it very attractive in gaining some of the New Jersey, New York and southern cars.

The event will be one hundred laps in distance and pay a purse in excess of \$7,500 for the modifieds. First place will pay \$1,400; second, \$1,100; third, \$830; fourth, \$635; and fifth, \$475.

Joining the modifieds in the NEPRA Riverside opener will be the new Pro Stock Division. Since the combining of the Thompson Limited Sportsman Division, a large field of over 50 cars is expected and in search of the \$600 to win. Steet stocks will also share in the program.

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